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In re Application of
Hamid
Application No. 09/973,011
Filed: October 10, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 12-70 US

DECISION ON
PETITION

This is a decision on the January 9, 2002 petition requesting that the above-identified application be accepted as having been received in its entirety, including figure 7d, on October 10, 2001.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "USPTO") received this application on October 10, 2001. However, on November 9, 2001, the Office of Initial Patent Examination (hereinafter "OPIE") mailed a "Notice Of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application" (hereinafter "notice") noting that although the application had been granted a filing date, figure 7d was missing. The notice further stated that the filing date would be the date of receipt of the omitted pages of specification unless a petition was filed that successfully showed that the missing item(s) had been included with the application. The notice further stated that if action were taken within two months, then the application would retain its October 10, 2001 filing date and would be processed without the missing pages.

Petitioner responded with the October 10, 2001 filing of this petition. The petition is supported by a copy of the postcard return receipt and includes a copy of the allegedly missing figure. The copy of applicants' postcard receipt indicates receipt of all 12 pages with the application on October 10, 2001.

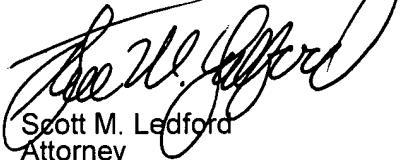
Accordingly, *this petition is granted*.

The \$130.00 petition fee paid for this petition is unnecessary. As per Petitioner's request, a refund will be credited to Petitioner's deposit account (DA 50-1142).

The application is being returned to OPIE for further processing with a filing date of October 10, 2001 using the copy of figure 7d supplied with this petition.

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Any questions regarding this decision should be directed to Attorney Scott M. Ledford at (703) 306-5593.



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